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### Major accident response...



photo by Senior Airman Matt Miller

Airman Justin Rosati, of the 374th Comptroller Squadron, gets some much needed medical attention from Staff Sgt. Stephen Hayes (left), of the 374th Maintenance Squadron, and Senior Airmen Dorothy Palotai (right) and Shaela Wilson (center), both of the 374th Medical Group. This scenario was part of a wing Major Accident Response Exercise Tuesday. For more MARE photos, see page 7.

### News Shorts

#### PACAF award winners

The following base members were recently selected as Pacific Air Forces winners in their respective career fields:

**Tech. Sgt. Ray Brown** — Life Support NCO of the year.

**Capt. James Bell** — Financial Analysis officer of the year.

**Staff Sgt. Richard Tiffin** — Financial Analysis NCO of the year.

**Senior Airman Robert Chabarría Jr.** — Financial Analysis airman of the year.

**Miyuki Kiyota** — Financial Analysis civilian of the year.

**Tsunehiro Aoki** — Financial Analysis advisor of the year.

The 374th Comptroller Squadron also won the 1999 PACAF Financial Management and Comptroller Organization of the Year.

#### NCOPDS graduates

April 13 marked the close of the first Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Seminar held at the Airman Leadership School here. The three and one-half day seminar produced 19 graduates armed with enhanced Air Force leadership skills taught by the 22 Yokota Air Base senior NCOs who instructed the seminar.

The Officiating officer for the graduation was Col. James DeAngelo, 374th Airlift Wing vice commander.

Master Sgt. Carol Dalton, an instructor for the seminar, said, "It was a good exchange of ideas between the instructors and students, and a good learning experience for all of us."

The ceremonies concluded as Master Sgt. Diedre Jackson, NCOPDS program manager was given a standing ovation for her selfless initiative in leading this seminar to its first commencement ceremony.

NCOPDS graduate Staff Sgt. Willie Spears, 374th Communications Squadron said, "The course was good. I needed this 5-years ago. It allowed me to fellowship with NCOs who have had similar experiences. It will help to bridge the gap between young NCOs and upper level managers."

The next seminar is scheduled to begin July 21.

#### Tama river cleanup

Help support Yokota's community relations program by volunteering for the annual Tama River Cleanup program. Volunteers will pick up trash along a mile and a half stretch of the Tama River beginning at 1 p.m. April 30. To sign up, call the Public Affairs Office at 225-7338.

# Twenty-year search

## Yokota airman ends long plight by finding mom, siblings

By Staff Sgt. Alan Williams  
Chief of Internal Information

Imagine twenty years of a seemingly endless search from one dead-end lead to the next in search of the mother you've never known. Well, that's exactly what happened to a sergeant here.

Up until two weeks ago, Master Sgt. Charles Young, superintendent of 374th Civil Engineering Squadron Readiness Flight, had never spoken a word to his mother until his brother, John Sanders, a resident of Elk City, Okla., called to tell him that their mother was alive and well.

"For 20 years I searched for her on

and off from city-to-city, and state-to-state," said 38-year-old Young. "It's hard to believe that, at last, my search is over. But, this is just the beginning."

Young's separation from his mother began with the divorce of his parents when he was 6-months-old.

He isn't sure what the reasons for the divorce were and his father never really went into it. But he always wondered where she was and felt as though something was missing from his life.

"I've always had curiosity about my mother. The older I got, the more curious I became," said Young, who, along with his wife Mutsuko, has three children, Kouyo, 16, Tonya, 14, and Annie, 8.

Young's plight to find his mother began around 1980 while he was still living at home with his father and step-mother. When he turned 17 he asked his

father for help to find her. As it turned out, his mother, Bonnie Collins, now a resident of Sacramento, Calif., had remarried and given birth to two more sons, John, and Larry Sanders.

After the end of her second marriage she was again separated from her children for undisclosed reasons.

When she attempted to find them she was faced with the horrible rumor that her two younger sons had been killed in an accident.

For 24 years, Collins lived with the thought that two of her children were deceased.

Understandably, this caused her great pain. But, she remained strong and persevered through her sorrow.

The same story about the accident was told to Young when he was 17. But he was shaken into reality in 1996 while

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# New Air Force logo: Why?

By Cynthia Minnick

11th Wing Public Affairs

BOLLING AFB, D.C. (AFPN) — If a picture is worth a thousand words, a new symbol for the Air Force could be worth millions.

The symbol, which many Air Force people have seen in Online News and elsewhere, is one part of an effort to more effectively tell the Air Force story and present a unified image, said Col. Ron Rand, Air Force Director of Public Affairs.

The effort is part of a larger plan to turn around recruiting and retention, he added.

"Feedback from Air Force people will help us communicate more effectively," he said.

Rand started by addressing the most fundamental question: Why does the Air Force need a symbol and theme?

The impetus for the symbol and theme — the most visible parts of the communication effort — is not recent. Air Force senior leaders began discussing it about two years ago, according to Rand.

"We recognized then the need to tell our story better, to help build widespread public appreciation and understanding of the importance of our mission, the quality of our people and the relevance of the work they do," he said.

"The answer is to build on our strong identity, develop a unifying symbol and theme, and communicate a consistent story," said Rand.

Air Force officials recognized the need to employ experts for guidance and hired a private firm specializing in corporate branding in order to develop a total package to help the Air Force tell its story, said Rand. After extensive research — including surveys, focus groups and interviews with a total of 10,000 people, both in and out of uniform — the firm arrived at some recommendations.

The research also yielded four strong themes regarding the Air Force: individual achievement, smarts and technology, values, and a strong sense of mission. The mission theme was strongest of all. The firm then helped the Air Force articulate its identity and framed a strategy to communicate it to airmen, potential recruits, and the public, said Rand. Part of the strategy included creating a consistent visual image.

A prime piece of research showed that

## Meaning of the new symbol



The U.S. Air Force symbol honors the heritage of our past and represents the promise of our future.

It retains the core elements of our Air Corps heritage — the "Arnold"

wings and star with circle — and modernizes them to reflect our aerospace force of today and tomorrow.

The symbol has two main parts. In the upper half, the stylized wings represent the stripes of our strength — the enlisted men and women of our force. They have been drawn with great angularity to emphasize our swiftness and power, and they are divided into six sections which represent our core competencies — aerospace superiority, global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority and agile combat support.

In the lower half, there are a sphere, a star and three diamonds. The sphere within the star represents the globe. It reminds us of our obligation to secure our nation's freedom with global vigilance, reach and power.

The globe also reminds us of our challenge as an expeditionary force to respond rapidly to crises and to

provide decisive aerospace power, worldwide.

The area surrounding the sphere takes the shape of a star. The star has many meanings. Its five points represent the components of our force and family — our active duty, civilians, Guard, Reserve and retirees.

The star symbolizes space as the high ground of our nation's aerospace force. The rallying symbol in all our wars, the star also represents our officer corps, central to our combat leadership.

The star has been framed with three diamonds, which represent our core values — integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. The elements come together to form one symbol that presents two powerful images.

At one glance it's an eagle, the emblem of our nation. At another glance it's a medal, representing valor in service to our nation.

Air Force people don't feel appreciated. "We work really hard, we make huge sacrifices, we leave our families behind, all those kinds of things. All our people want is to be recognized and appreciated for that," said Rand. "They don't have a sense that the public understands how hard it is to be in the Air Force, how good the work that we do is, and how well we do it."

"They came up with a symbol and theme they felt captured the huge range of things we do, all the way from recruiting through retirement," explained Rand. The new symbol is a contemporary interpretation of the Hap Arnold logo, with a progressive, modern-looking design.

One of two proposed themes is "World Ready," derived from the concept that the Air Force is "world class, mission ready." This concept addresses the strongest of the four concepts from the research: a sense of mission. A second theme under consideration was "Above and Beyond," which speaks to the theme of individual achievement. Air Force leaders haven't made a final decision on the theme or the symbol, he said. Instead, they'll test the symbol in a variety of communication efforts.

A primary vehicle for communicating

the Air Force's story is through the upcoming national television advertising campaign. The new symbol will be featured in the advertisements.

"By institutionalizing a symbol that is universally recognized by all, we create name brand recognition for the Air Force," said Rand.

"Until recently, the Air Force has never advertised on TV. So the American public rarely sees images of Air Force people at work, in humanitarian and combat operations, and during worldwide contingencies," said Rand.

This year, the Air Force is purchasing television advertising time to the tune of approximately \$28.5 million.

"Besides helping in recruitment efforts, TV advertising will help the general public understand the important work we do and how well we do it," he added.

Rand believes this is another important element to the advertising — helping Air Force people gain an additional sense of appreciation for what they do. And he thinks a well-recognized logo can foster cohesion.

Illustrating his point, Rand showed photos of base gates, none of which had one consistent symbol or design. "No two base

gates in the Air Force look the same," said Rand. "Sometimes you have to struggle to find any obvious tie to an organization called the U.S. Air Force."

Rand noted there is no single way we say very prominently that an item or place represents the U.S. Air Force.

"However, we're not going to run out and start painting airplanes, buildings and gates with this symbol," said Rand. "In fact, we'll only be using it in ways that are perishable, on stationery, in newspapers, in TV advertisements, and home pages for now."

If a decision is made to adopt the symbol, he said it may take three to five years before the symbol is phased in on permanent assets such as aircraft and buildings, and even then will only take place during normal maintenance schedules. Rand also flatly denied any notion of changing either the Air Force's name or the uniform. The latter comment drew applause from the crowd.

"Clearly, we are not trying to break from our heritage and it's not a change just for change's sake," said Rand. "We will be making the transformation gradually and very relevantly, with a link to our past and a look toward the future."

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he was stationed at McClellan Air Force Base, near Sacramento.

His brother, John, now 32 and married with three kids surprised him with a phone call at work.

“I had to ask him a million questions just to verify who he was, because I thought he was dead. He (John) said it only took him about five minutes to get a number for me from one of those ‘find a loved one’ organizations,” Young said.

Within two weeks, Young was in Oklahoma, visiting his bother. Since that first meeting, they have become pretty close, he said.

Later, Collins married a third time. This marriage was short lived as well due to the untimely death of her husband. After his passing, poor health caused her to lose her job and she found it hard to handle the stress of managing a household as well as dealing with the loss of her husband.

She told Young that before she realized it, she was homeless. For almost five years, she lived in a well-kept tent on the American River in Sacramento. She survived on her deceased husband’s retirement annuities, which was delivered to a post office box she had set up.

Not long ago, she was discovered by a Sacramento County Sheriff’s Deputy who helped her on the road to getting back on her feet. Collins entered a program which helped her in reestablishing ties with the community, like employment and a place to live.

During his search, Young tracked his mother to Sacramento and even located several women who shared the same name as his mother. But they all led him from one end of Sacramento to the other.

Ironically, during his assignment at McClellan, there was a brief period when Young actually lived near where his mother lived ... the epitome of the cliché: so close, yet so far away.

Once Collins was back on her feet, she found John, who in turn contacted Young here.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Williams

“I just got my first letter from her the other day,” he said. “I still think I’m dreaming. I just can’t believe this is happening,”

“All I want in return is her in my life, and her love. I want her to be a part of my children’s lives,” he added.

Young is planning to help his brother John relocate their mother to Elk City in the near future.

(Photo support by SM-ALC Public Affairs.)



Photo by Sandra Kosmatin, SM-ALC Public Affairs

**Above: The Youngs, left to right, Tanya, wife, Mutsuko, Annie, Charles and Kuoyo enjoy a quiet evening at home. He may look calm but the anticipation of meeting his mother heightens by the second.**

**Left: Bonnie Collins, Master Sgt Charles Young’s mother, poses at a park at Sacramento Air Logistics Center at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento, Calif.**

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# Gov't travel card billing

*New options for quicker, easier payment arise*

**By Danita Hunter**

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

Gone could be the days of writing checks, licking stamps and relying on the U.S. Postal Service to deliver the money to pay government travel charge card bills to the Bank of America.

Two new options are making that method of paying obsolete. Now, bills can be paid electronically, either by the traveler via telephone or by the travel pay office when the travel voucher is paid.

In one new method, the traveler can pick up the phone, dial 1-800-472-1424 and "speed pay" the bill directly from his or her bank account, after a little set-up work is done — like providing the bank's routing number and the checking account number. This can be done from anywhere 24-hours-a-day.

Another option is for the travel pay office to pay the bill when the travel voucher — if the TDY is more than 45 days — is paid. To do this, the traveler checks the "split disbursement" block at the top of the Department of Defense Form 1351-2 and fills in the amount

to be sent to the charge card account. Any money not sent to pay the travel card bill will be sent to the traveler's bank account. If there is a balance remaining on the charge card, the traveler will be billed for it at the end of the billing cycle. If the traveler pays too much to the charge card, the traveler can call the 800 number and request a refund for the credit balance be issued. It's as simple as that.

No checks, no stamps, no bills to mail.

Travelers gone for more than 45 days are authorized an interim payment to pay for accrued travel expenses. The interim, or accrual voucher, provides the traveler funds to pay the government travel card bill.

For instance, Air Mobility Command policy is to identify travelers who will be TDY for more than 45 days and establish the amount, recipient and timing of the interim payment before the traveler leaves home. The process should be simple, reliable and, above all, a benefit to the traveler.

The amount travelers receive will be determined by the authorized entitlement and the anticipated lodging and transportation expenses.

The traveler may choose either to have the money deposited into a personal bank account and either write a check or phone in the payment, or to elect split-disbursement on the travel voucher and have the bill paid automatically. (Information provided by AMC's financial management directorate)

## Paying the Travel Charge Bill

### Method 1: Snail Mail

1. Write a check
2. Stuff check in envelope
3. Lick stamp
4. Mail the bill through US Postal Service



### Method 2: Speed Pay

1. Dial 1-800-472-1424
2. Bill is paid from bank account

### Method 3: Split Disbursement

1. Check box on top of DD Form 1351-2
2. Bill is paid from travel pay settlement



Source: HQ AMC/FM

By Danita L. Hunter

## Online system eases payroll transactions

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The first phase of a new system allowing Defense Department employees to update certain pay information is now online.

In early March, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service began phasing in the Employee/Member Self Service system. This service allows DOD customers to access the system to update certain pay information via the Internet or by phone using an Interactive Voice Response System, according to Gloria Cranford-Bates, E/MSS project officer.

This first phase of E/MSS is now available to DFAS customers paid through the Defense Civilian Pay System, the Defense Retiree and Annuitant Pay System or the Marine Corps Total Force System. Active military and Reserve pay customers serviced by the Defense Joint Military Pay System will have E/MSS capabilities later this summer.

Cranford-Bates said by using E/MSS, people are able to change their federal tax withholding status and exemptions; start, stop or change allotments (this feature is not a part of

the beneficiary payroll system); change their correspondence address; and update their financial institution electronic fund transfer information.

"Future phases of E/MSS will include other transactions, such as starting or stopping savings bonds and changing state taxes, and the ability to view and print leave and earnings statements and net pay advices," she added.

E/MSS Internet transmissions require 128-bit encryption and use secure technology, the project officer said. Access to the system is controlled through the use of a social security number and personal identification number. In addition to the PIN, customers will need a computer with one of the following industry-standard browsers: Netscape Navigator versions 3.0, 4.01 or higher, Microsoft Internet Explorer version 4.0 or higher, or Netscape Communicator.

After entering the system, menus will guide customers through desired transactions. After the customer has made changes and confirmed them, the system will then

tell the customer when the change will be reflected on the pay record, Cranford-Bates said.

"This system provides an alternative to completing and submitting forms and will provide reliable and accurate information," she pointed out. "Most importantly, E/MSS will be a secure way for customers to update payroll-related transactions at their own convenience, with minimal effort and without the delays inherent to paper-based processes."

E/MSS is a voluntary service, she said. Customers who prefer the current system of making pay changes will still be able to visit their local accounting and finance office or customer service representative to submit forms.

Internet access to E/MSS is available at <https://emss.dfas.mil/emss.htm>. E/MSS can be accessed through IVRS at the touch-tone toll free number 1-877-363-3677 (continental United States only), or the commercial number (912) 757-3119. For more details and alternative access to E/MSS, people can go to the DFAS home page at [www.dfas.mil/](http://www.dfas.mil/).

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Survey assesses member's needs

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AFPN) — Some 36,400 service members and their spouses and Defense Department civilians will receive surveys to assess their information needs and how they access news about the department. The American Forces Information Service and the Defense Manpower Data Center are sponsoring the survey.

“This survey actually has a couple of purposes,” said Army Col. Mitch Marovitz, AFIS director of media operations. “One purpose is to see if we are meeting the information needs of service members and their spouses. The other is to see how military families get their information.”

AFIS provides news through Defense Link, the American Forces Press Service, the American Forces Radio and Television Service and the Current News Early Bird. In addition, it provides images via the Joint Combat Camera Center and the Defense Visual Information Center.

“We’re very interested in how many people use the Internet to get information,” Marovitz said. “And of those that do, what type of browsers they use, what type of modem, how they access the Internet and where. If we have answers to these questions, we can make the products available over the most appropriate media and they will be easier to access and use.”

Jacquelyn Scarville, a statistician with the manpower center, developed the 20-page survey, in conjunction with AFIS. The survey was scheduled to be released March 13, but was delayed as officials worked out kinks in a new process for answering the survey.

Scarville wrote. “An important purpose of the survey is to assess in the groups to be studied access to personal computers, types of computer hardware, patterns of use and access to the Internet/World Wide Web.”

Permissive TDY rules expanded for recruiting

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force recruiting officials are optimistic that a move to expand permissive temporary duty guidelines will give an added boost to recruiting efforts.

Pending changes to Air Force Instruction 36-3003, Military Leave Program, the instruction permits the Air Force Recruiting Service commander to approve selected events for permissive TDY status. Activities will be scrutinized for potential positive impact on Air Force recruiting efforts under the “We Are All Recruiters” program.

Additionally, participation in the Recruiter Assistance Program will expand to allow all active duty military up to 12 days non-chargeable leave to assist recruiters in the field. Previously, the RAP was open only to technical school graduates, who returned to their hometown to help their recruiters.

“They’re a big help,” said Staff Sgt. James Lavelle, of the airmen who have participated in the RAP. He is assigned to the 313th Recruiting Squadron based in Plattsburgh, N.Y., and believes the changes to the RAP are good ones.

Opening the RAP to all active duty members will benefit recruiters, Lavelle said, by allowing those who have had a chance to thoroughly experience the Air Force to come back home and tell about it.

Chief Master Sgt. Dan Roby agrees. He is the chief of enlisted accession policy at the Air Staff. The expanded Recruiter Assistance Program “will have a dual impact on recruiting,” he said.

“First, it will expand the market our recruiters are able to reach with the Air Force message,” Roby said. “It also adds credibility to the recruiter’s story by having seasoned airmen tell of their Air Force experiences.”

Conversely, the chief said airmen will also see the Air Force in a new light.

“By working directly with their hometown recruiter, seasoned airmen will gain knowledge and experience in joining the recruiting effort,” Roby said. “This will certainly work in conjunction with the ‘We Are All Recruiters’ program.”

Additionally, “allowing airmen to experience recruiting from the outside-in will increase interest in becoming a recruiter,” he said. “As we look at increasing our field recruiter strength from about 1,209 to 2,000 recruiters, this will be a useful tool to help gain quality airmen to fill recruiting vacancies.

Airman 1st Class Leslie Howard’s experience with RAP reinforced her commitment to the Air Force.

The 20-year-old New York native, who joined the service five and a half months ago, said she had tried going to college, but now says, “I wish I’d joined (the Air Force) earlier, because the Air Force is so conducive to getting an education.”

Howard, who signed on to be a KC-135 crew chief, said having prospective applicants listen to her talk about basic training and hearing her back up her recruiter’s comments was a great opportunity.

“Many wanted to know how basic training was and about educational opportunities,” she said. “I was able to confirm or deny their initial impressions.”

Air Force officials said changes to AFI 36-3003 should be completed soon. Until then, PTDY requests are being approved as exceptions to policy, according to personnel officials.

Air Force people interested in signing up for the recruiter assistance program may apply through the local recruiting squadron. Technical training and Officer Training School graduates will use an application initiated by their recruiter or may apply through the local recruiting squadron. All other active duty members will use Air Force Form 988 and recruiting squadron memorandum to verify and document RAP participation.

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*Commander's viewpoint*

# Leadership in the next millennium

By Lt. Col. John Ahern

374 Civil Engineer Squadron commander

Support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." These words summarize our mission as US Service Members and DoD Civilians. How often do we think about this pledge? How do we convince an airman working in the fitness center, post office or managing dormitories that he or she is crucial to this mission?

I firmly believe our senior leadership and members of congress know about that airman's contributions to the mission, as well as those of our members deployed or stationed around the world—but how do we show it? Pay raises? I don't think so. They help but I've rarely met an airman getting out because of lack of pay—although pay disparities contribute.

Time off? Also helps but then they or their peers play catch up. No, I believe we convince them best by living the mission ourselves and by taking time to recognize the contributions of those with less visible, support jobs. We show it by catching our tongues before we belittle someone's contribution to "flying and fighting;" and by remembering all the parts that go into making human beings ready to "support and defend." All the parts . . . I'm bound to miss some, but here goes.

First we, the leaders (staff sergeants and above), need to understand the mission, our part in it and our subordinates part. We need to show faith to that mission, and when other things pull at our attention, we need to keep the focus while taking care of the other things.

For example, have you ever said or heard "all these mobility exercises are preventing me from doing my real job?" Your reply should be "and what is your 'real' job?" While we're hosting DVs, preparing for inspections, etc., we need to ensure we don't let our ability to "support and defend" fall down.

Here at Yokota, we have some unique challenges since some of our mission will be performed from Yokota. Others may be called to deploy elsewhere and apply war skills they don't get to practice here. The bottom line is we, as leaders, need to dig into our unit's/section's mission and ensure we're contributing to it—for example, civil engineers sometimes get caught up thinking our day to day repairs are not beneficial to honing war skills—but they are. When we beddown forces and maintain or recover a base, we do maintenance and repair of traditional buildings and systems, as well as the Harvest Falcon type assets.

We leaders need to be true to our troops and ourselves. Can you follow a leader who is inconsistent, out for themselves first, dishonest or untrustworthy? I can't! So we need to understand, live and nourish the Air Force's Core Values—Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do. If we don't have integrity, our word is



worthless and our troops won't follow us. Then they, and we, can't "support and defend." If we put ourselves first, how do we expect our followers to make the sacrifices they need to in order for the mission to succeed? And if we settle for "close enough for government work," how do we expect to field the world's best Air Force?

As leaders, we must be willing to make decisions and expect our subordinate decision-makers to do the same. Allow for mistakes . . . no, expect them! But, demand a logical process to be used and that we (our subordinates and us) learn from the mistakes. The best leaders I've worked for allow mistakes and helped me learn from them so the organization and I can grow.

We can't ever forget that our troops are people, not objects or machines. They need their human needs to be met so they can make the mission happen. They need to be physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually fit—and no two people need the same mix.

Some people need that weekly letter from a loved one in order to function, others don't. Some need the daily private time; others need a good workout, while others need prayer—and the mix changes when we deploy. And if they are overly worried about their family, where they're living, or how they're getting by—they can't fully focus on the mission. As leaders, we need to ensure we are supporting their needs in order to ensure our troops are fit to "support and defend."

While overseas we ask some extra sacrifices from our folks: exchange rates, remembering that the coins in your pocket are worth a lot more than coins back home tend to be (not taking into account the new golden Sacagawea Dollar), distance from support family, smaller living quarters, etc. In return, we should learn what the benefits are (new friends, unique opportunities, travel, close community) and strongly encourage taking advantage of them—it will help their morale and understanding of their environment (and may help retention), and it will demonstrate your concern for their welfare.

As we think about the pledge to "support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic," and everyone's part in it, we succeed by first understanding the mission and our part in it.

We convince the airmen working in the fitness center, post office, and dormitories of their part, by understanding it first—whether it's direct support of our mission or support of our people's welfare while they support our mission, and then by recognizing their contribution. We live the pledge, and lead others to do the same, by living the core values, making the decisions in the areas we're supposed to, and making the mistakes required to learn to make the right decisions when it counts. And we make it possible for Yokota to fulfill its part of supporting and defending by remembering the humaneness of our people and their needs which must be taken care of so they can be ready to "support and defend." As we balance these issues and assume leadership roles when needed, we'll ensure the US Air Force of the next millennium will continue to "support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

## Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to Col. Mark Zamzow, 374th Airlift Wing commander.

Use the Action Line if you have questions or comments about Yokota, which couldn't be resolved by your chain of command. When you call, leave your name and phone number so you can be reached if more information is needed. Your identity won't be released to the public. Subjects affecting the base population will be published in the Fuji Flyer.



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### No Kanto service?

*Q. On Wednesday evening I sat on the East side and waited for the bus for an hour and fifteen minutes. It was an extremely cold and windy night. There is no enclosure at the temporary living quarters while waiting for the bus. After my toes were frozen I walked over to the mini-mart and called. I was informed that they are sorry, but the base had a huge influx of airplanes and pilots and they needed to cater them around.*

*If this is true, why is it not printed on the Kanto Express schedule stating that this is not our primary mission and when pilots come in they take over the buses? Why if this bus is not used primarily for all the people on the base then the temporary living quarters should not be located on the East Side? A tower located closer to the Fussa gate would make more sense than to put someone on base and not give them transportation.*

A. Thank you for the opportunity to explain the Kanto Express shuttle bus operation. On the occasion of your complaint, we had a heavy influx of unscheduled aircrews arrive at Yokota. Without sufficient warning, we were unable to call in additional drivers to handle the increased workload. Because of this, we had to recall the shuttle bus drivers for a short period of time—this is a very rare occurrence.

We want to keep the Kanto Express operational to the maximum extent possible. However, when we can forecast a reduction in shuttle bus service, we advertise it as widely as possible, using AFN and the commander's channel. In addition to the above circumstance, shuttle service is reduced during federal holidays, wing down days, typhoon conditions of readiness one (COR1), and THREATCON Charlie.

By the way, we're already developing an updated Kanto Express schedule and will incorporate your concerns into it.

I hope this information has been helpful to you in explaining what you can expect from the Kanto Express shuttle bus operation. Be assured that the 374th Transportation Squadron is dedicated to providing the best service possible to all of Team Yokota.

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## Yokota's DUI Program

Units having DUI arrests (April 3-10)

— 374th Communications Squadron

"DUI Free" streak: 3 days (as of Apr. 18)

Drink & Drive

Yokota's punishments for drinking and driving:

.05-.07 BAC = 14 days walking and 6 points

.08-.09 BAC = 90 days walking and 6 points

.10 and above = 365 days walking and 6 points

DUI running totals: April=6; year to date=21

Call 225-RIDE



# MARE

*A test of processes and response*

—photos by—  
Senior Airman Matt Miller



The 374th Airlift Wing recently conducted a Major Accident Response Exercise Tuesday that involved an overturned vehicle and spilled fuel. Top left, Staff Sgt. Anthony Smith, of the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron, relays important accident information while in his level "A" hazmat suit. Above, The Decon Officer gives directions to a member of the hazmat team. Far left, Senior Airman Dorothy Palotai, of the 374th Medical Group, gets decontaminated after helping an accident victim. Left, members of the 374th Security Forces Squadron directed traffic around the accident scene. The exercise blocked a portion of Airlift Avenue for more than five hours. Below, hazmat team members move decontamination equipment onto Airlift Avenue. Almost a dozen people involved in helping the accident victims and scene were processed through the decontamination area.





Movie schedule

**Today** – *Road to El Dorado*, G, 6:30 p.m.; *Romeo Must Die*, R, 9:30 p.m.  
**Saturday** – *Road to El Dorado*, G, 6:30 p.m.; *Romeo Must Die*, R, 9:30 p.m.  
**Sunday** – *Road to El Dorado*, G, 2 p.m.; *Romeo Must Die*, R, 7 p.m.  
**Monday** – *Cradle Will Rock*, R, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday** – *Cradle Will Rock*, R, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday** – *Talented Mr. Ripley*, R, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday** – *Talented Mr. Ripley*, R, 7 p.m.  
**Next Friday** – *Return to Me*, PG, 6:30 p.m.; *American Beauty*, R, 9 p.m.

YTV (Channel 18)

*Welcome to Yokota* – Mondays at 8 a.m.  
*Culture Connection* – Mondays through Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., topic is religion.  
*Air Force News* – Mondays through Saturdays at 3 p.m.  
*Eye on Services* – Mondays through Saturdays at 6:30 p.m.

Chapel services

The following are dates and times for the Catholic and Protestant Easter services:

**Catholic**  
Today at 3:30 p.m. — Good Friday service.  
Saturday at 8 p.m. — Easter Vigil Mass.  
Sunday at 9 a.m. — Easter Sunday Mass.

**Protestant**  
Today at 6 p.m. — Play “The Living Last Supper”  
Saturday at 5 p.m. — The Choice Musical.  
Sunday at 6 a.m. — Easter Sunrise Service.  
Sunday at 8 a.m. — Liturgical Service.  
Sunday at 11 a.m. — Unified Service.  
All services are at the West Chapel.

For more information, call the chapel at 225-7009.

Power outage

Yokota will experience two major base-wide power outages from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 20 and 21.  
These outages are necessary to upgrade the existing West Electrical Sub-Station.  
Residents are encouraged to resist the urge to keep checking inside their refrigerator or freezer. The warm air that enters each time will reduce the unit’s effectiveness.  
For more information, call Paul Kuehn or Dennis Chen at 225-8442 or 225-7386.

Telephone outage

The base’s east side telephone system will undergo a major reconstruction project from Monday through May 5. As a result, each telephone line in the housing area will experience a on-time service disruption ranging from four to six hours between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. A list of affected numbers and times is posted at the post office. For more information, call 225-7100.

Easter egg hunt

The Boys and Girls Club of Yokota will hold an Easter Egg Hunt for children up to 10 years old from 11 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. at the Tachi Field. For more information, call the Youth Center at 225-7441.

Road closures

**Full-road closure** — on Crabbe Ave.

from Friendship Blvd. to Spaatz Street until May 25.

**Partial road closure** — on Godfrey Ave. near the AFN building in the west area from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until May 13.  
**Half road and sidewalk closure** — on Davis Street near Kenny Court from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until April 29.  
For more information, call 225-7440.

Red Cross

The American Red Cross is holding the following instructor classes in May:  
— Instructor candidate class, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 13 in Bldg. 4018.  
— Instructor class for CPR and First Aid, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 20 and 21 in Bldg. 4018.  
For more information, call the American Red Cross at 225-7522.

Tuition assistance

Applications for Spouse Tuition Assistance for terms five and six will be available at the Base Education Office until May 5. For more information, call the education office at 225-7337.

Dorm town meeting

There is a dorm residents town meeting from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday for enlisted residents and from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday for officer and civilian residents. Both meetings will be held at the Yujo Community Center. Quality of life issues and questions will be addressed.

NAHM meeting

The Native American Heritage Month planning committee meets at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday in the Military Equal Opportunity classroom in Bldg. 316. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Edo Forsythe at 225-6243.

ROTC camp

Yokota’s Panther Battalion of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps is looking for volunteers to help with their Adventure Camp from May 3 to 7 at Camp Fuji. People are needed to fill in as cadre and with training JROTC members. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Kucharzak at 225-4356.

Arts and crafts fair

The Yujo Community Center holds an arts and crafts fair from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. May 13. For more information, call the Skills Development Center at 225-7837.

Family Support Center

The Family Support Center will host Veterans Administration Military Services Coordinator Jeff Kenney April 27 and 28.  
While here Smith will conduct a one hour block during the previously scheduled Transition Assistance Program seminar April 27.  
He will also hold one-on-one counseling in 30 minute blocks April 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. to discuss individual VA benefits. To schedule an appointment call 225-8725.  
If unable to get an appointment consider attending the general VA briefing April 28 from 9 to 11 a.m.  
Smith will also speak at the Disabled Transition Assistance Program seminar April 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. For DTAP reservations call 225-8725

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HELP WANTED

**USO** — Tour coordinator, part time, a paid position, duties will include planning, coordinating and guiding select tours. Need tour experience, must be bilingual in English and Japanese. 225-2087.(1)

**Combined Federal Campaign** — General of-  
fice administration, duties will include maintaining accurate records, coordination of material distribu-  
tion and travel arrangements. Need college degree or equivalent experience, strong PC skills, ability to communicate with internal and external custom-  
ers on a professional level. Must have ability to work independently. Minimum starting salary: \$21,000 annually. 225-9997 or send resume to Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas Pacific; Unit 5104; APO AP 96328.(1)

**American Red Cross** — Emergency commu-  
nications after hours workers, a paid position with immediate placement. 225-7522.(2)

**WANTED**

**Upholsterer** — At Yokota’s Officers’ Club to cover bar stools. 225-8513.(1)

**Rocker/recliner** — Glider or rocking chair. 227-3985.(1)

**Day care** — After school for a six-year-old child. 227-4240.(1)

**Seamstress** — Experienced to sew slipcover for couch, or experienced re-upholsterer to recover couch. 227-3551.(1)

**Climbing guide** — With experience to climb Mt. Fuji starting at station one. 227-2051.(2)

**Appraisal** - Coca-cola item. 227-2051. (3)

**Porch overhang** - For garden house, good con-  
dition, reasonably priced. 227-3847. (3)

**PETS**

**Rabbit** — Free to good home, very cute, perfect for Easter. 227-3007.(1)

**FOUND**

**Video camera** — Found at Snyder Field in small black Samsonite bag. 227-9161. (3)

**FOR SALE**

**Johnny Jumper** — Excellent condition, \$10. 227-3985.(1)

**Wedding dress** — White satin, hand made, never been worn, \$800 OBO. 227-5213.(1)

**A/Cs** — Two, \$100. 227-3178.(1)

**Furniture** — Sofa, \$100; coffee and end tables, \$40; futon, \$75; entertainment center, \$40; dresser, \$30; need to sell all ASAP. 227-4355.(1)

**Dinning table** — Oak with six chairs, \$650. 0425-53-8538.(1)

**Mountain bike** — Cannondale Delta V 2000, front and rear suspension, shimano (deore) quick fire gear changers, front and rear cat eye lights, cat eye electronic speedometer, excellent condition, \$1,200 OBO. 227-2972.(1)

**Phone line** — Available immediately, \$400 ne-  
gotiable, 042-569-0442 or 090-4752-0802.(1)

**A/Cs** — Two; large, cools entire lower floor of four bedroom garden, \$125; small, cools bedroom, \$50. 227-7446.(1)

**A/Cs** — Four, \$300. 227-3744.(1)

**Car stereo** — Panasonic CD/MD player, ex-  
cellent condition, \$600 OBO. 227-4285.(1)

**Miscellaneous** — Small GE refrigerator, \$40; mower, \$60; Hiace Van battery, \$90; black wire shelving units, \$20; four 185/60/14 tires on spoke rims, \$45. 227-4102.(1)

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nel amplifier with Dolby Digital, mint condition,

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ator software, \$250. 227-4939 or e-mail mkmorga@yta.attmil.ne.jp.(1)

**Entertainment center** — Sauder, oak, holds up to a 35” TV, six shelves house audio components be-  
hind glass door, has storage for CDs, DVDs and video cassettes, two door storgae area, \$100. 227-8221.(1)

**Fish tank** — Light, filters, heater, fish, plants, gravel, good condition, \$50 OBO. 225-3437.(1)

**Golf clubs** — Wilson Staff Ultra, used, good condition, great for beginner, \$60. 227-2447.(1)

**Golf bags** — Titleist, brand new, staff cart bag, perfect condition, black and brown, \$95; Masters, slightly used, cart bag, very good condition, black and gold, \$50. 227-2447.(1)

**Fish tank** — With cover, great shape and doesn’t leak, 13”x30”x12.25”, good for turtles and snakes, can be viewed at http://goodman.david.tripod.com/fishtank/index.html, \$10 OBO. 227-4120 before 9 p.m.(1)

**Computer desk** — Perfect for small spaces, 28”x37”x16.5”, has an imperfection on the top left, can be viewed at http://goodman.david.tripod.com/desk/index.html, \$20 OBO. 227-4120 before 9 p.m.(1)

**Semi-formal dresses** — Royal blue, Gunne Sax, strapless, size five, sequins on front of bodice, falls just below the knee, both only worn once, great for proms and military functions, can be viewed at http://goodman.david.tripod.com/dresses/index.html, \$40 OBO. 227-4120 before 9 p.m.(1)

**Miscellaneous** — Carpet, black, large, one year old; kids summer clothes, boys and girls, many dif-  
ferent sizes; rose drapes for tower appartment; 3220-8F. 227-3533.(1)

**Speakers** — Yamaha, digital home theater speaker package, NSP400 5X speakers, 1X subwoofer, like new, \$220. 227-4280 or 090-2169-9776 leave message.(1)

**Phone line** — \$400 OBO. 0425-30-0420 or 090-684-2230.(1)

**Speakers** — Bose 901 series VI, with equal-  
izer and stands, one year old, perfect condition, \$700 OBO. 227-9810.(1)

**Computer desk** — Small, 2’x4’, with pull out keyboard tray, \$40. 227-4794.(2)

**Breakfast table** — Solid wood with white legs, 3’x4’, with four matching chairs, \$40. 227-4794.(2)

**Nintendo 64** — New with two controllers, rumble pak, two games, memory card, \$120. 227-4554.(2)

**Sony Playstation** — With two controllers, with rumble, five games, memory card, \$135; Sanyo 19” color TV, \$100. 227-4554.(2)

**Delux gym** — Little Tykes, two slides and tube; king size water bed with padded rails, \$900. 227-2932.(2)

**Crib bedding sets** — Three piece infant sets, white eyelet, handmade yellow and white gingham, with matching curtain and two throw pillows, both like new, \$50 each OBO. 227-4124.(2)

**Kerosene heater** — Used once, with box and instructions, \$100; Panasonic mid-system CD player, 50 disk capacity, double cassette, two speakers, 1,600 watts, remote, \$150. 227-4280 or 090-2169-9776.(2)

**Japanese phone** — \$300 OBO; Japanese HD/TV, 1.5 years old, \$400; space heater, \$50; Japanese washer, \$200; small China cabinet, \$30; couch, \$100; table and four chairs, \$50. 0425-30-0420 or 090-684-2230.(2)

**Cooking stove** — \$50; side by side refrigera-  
tor, \$400; computer furniture, \$25; four metal shelve units, \$25 each; two wood shelve units, \$10; filing cabinet, \$5; microwave with transformer, \$50. 0425-30-0420 or 090-684-2230.(2)

**Typewriters** — Electric, IBM selectric II cor-  
rectable, in working order, five each; metal cabinets, light creme, 5’x3’, with drop down lids, four each; all items given to any DoD organization for official duty. 225-5447.(2)

**Microwave** — Sharp carousel with stand, \$40; Marantz stereo cassette player, amp, tuner, Technic CD player, all in upright case, no speakers, \$75. 042-530-5440.(2)

**Kids gym** — Little Tykes, multi-colored, crawl tube and slide, good condition, \$75 OBO. 227-3373. (2)

**19” GE TV** — Excellent condition, 1995. 227-9453. (2)

**Sofa** — With sleeper, \$200. 227-8551. (3)

**Computer desk** — \$35. 227-8045. (3)

**Competition bicycle** — Hoffman Sugar Baby 20,” one year old, wheel pegs, spare tires included, outstanding condition, \$300. 227-6336. (3)

**Air conditioner** — Slim type window A/C, 5,000 BTU, \$70. 090-1466-1045. (3)

**Home theatre receiver** - Home Integra, 100 watts per channel, built-in A/C-3 decoder, 12 sur-  
round modes, \$700 OBO. 227-3103. (3)

**Off-base telephone line** — Available now, \$400. 2275-2361. (3)

**Computer desk** — Small wood with sliding keyboard tray and shelf, excellent for spare room/  
dorm, \$25. 227-4424. (3)

**AUTOMOBILE**

**1997 motorcycle** — R1100RT BMW Sport, per-  
fect mechanical condition, many extras, \$11,250 firm. 227-2972.(1)

**1990 Toyota** — Carina, road taxes paid, A/C, power locks and windows, cass, JCI until June 2001, available ASAP. 227-3533.(1)

**1990 Mercedes** — Benz 190E, red, 4-door, power everything, A/C and heater, automatic, 50,000 km, JCI until July 2001, excellent condi-  
tion, \$7,000 OBO. 227-9071.(1)

**1984 Toyota** — Lite Ace van, gray, 5-speed, good condition, JCI until May 2001, \$1,200. 227-9071.(1)

**1992 Toyota** — Camry, V-6 loaded, only 31,000 miles, price includes one year’s road tax and two year’s JCI, excellent condition, \$3,900 OBO. 227-2900.(1)

**1992 Nissan** — Sunny, A/C, automatic power windows, door locks and mirrors, AM/FM/cass, ex-  
cellent condition, JCI until June 2001, \$2,200. 227-

8708.(1)

**1986 Toyota** — Town Ace van, automatic, dual A/C, low mileage, JCI until July 2001, \$1,300 OBO. 227-8988.(1)

**1986 Toyota** — Corona, ice cold A/C, tires only one year old, JCI until Nov. 2001, power locks, cass, automatic, reliable, \$800. 227-8221.(1)

**1990 Nissan** — Silvia, 2-door, green, JCI un-  
til Dec. 2001, four new brakes, paid road tax, \$800 OBO. 090-2413-9306.(1)

**1993 Mazda** — Van, blue, automatic, clean, JCI until Jan. 2001, \$3,200 OBO. 0426-45-1454.(1)

**1990 Nissan** — NX coupe, 2-door, low miles, A/C, automatic, AM/FM, excellent condition, JCI until June 2001, \$1,950 OBO. 227-7832 after 5 p.m.(1)

**1987 Toyota** — Supra twin turbo, power seats, mirrors and steering, automatic, V-6, AM/FM/cass, tinted windows, excellent condition, JCI until 2002, \$3,000 or trade for U.S. spec vehicle. 227-9087.(1)

**1997 Van** — Lite Ace, runs great, JCI until Nov. 2002, automatic, grey, \$2,500 OBO. 227-8355.(1)

**1990 Mazda** — Familia, 4-door, all electric, runs great, JCI until Oct. 2001, great for small fam-  
ily, low miles, \$1,800 OBO. 227-8355.(1)

**1994 Nissan** — Sunny, automatic, A/C, JCI un-  
til Jan. 2002, \$3,600. 227-6336.(1)

**1992 Nissan** — Sunny, automatic, A/C, JCI un-  
til Oct. 2001, \$2,500. 227-6336.(1)

**1990 Toyota** — Vista, automatic, A/C, JCI un-  
til Mar. 2002, \$2,600. 227-6336.(1)

**1992 Toyota** — Corolla, JCI until Sept. 2001, \$2,000 OBO. 0425-30-0420 or 090-684-2230.(2)

**1991 Honda** — Del Sol, removable top, A/C, six CD changer, AM/FM/cass, V-tech engine, 5-  
speed, \$3,500 OBO. 556-5144 or 090-9010-9641.(2)

**1993 Toyota** — Tercel, 21,527km, JCI until Feb. 2001, \$3,500; 1992 Silvia, 2.0L, 5-speed, JCI until Apr. 2001, \$1,900; 1990 Silvia, JCI until Mar. 2001, \$1,600. 227-4932.(2)

**1989 Carina** — Two-years JCI, \$1,200; 1991 Levin, JCI until Sept. 2000, \$900; 1992 March, two-years JCI, \$1,100. 227-4932.(2)

**1992 Nissan** — Pulsar, dark blue, less than 40,000km, JCI until Nov. 2000, available the first week of May, \$950. 227-8045.(2)

**1989 Toyota** — Corolla II, canvas top, A/C, automatic, 2-door hatchback, back seats fold down, AM/FM/cass, low mileage, 38,000km, passed 2000 base inspection, road tax paid, JCI until Apr. 2002, \$1,500. 042-531-5306.(2)

**1981 Nissan** — Sunny, power everything, great second car, prices to sell. 227-9640.(2)

**1989 Nissan** — Cefiro, JCI until May 2000, \$800 OBO, runs great, A/C, power windows and locks. 227-4971.(2)

**1990 Toyota** — Sunroof, 5-door, AM/FM/CD/  
cass, 4WD, automatic, A/C, tilt steering, JCI until Oct. 2001, \$2,500 OBO. 225-6230.(2)

**1989 Toyota** — Corolla II with canvas top, white, 2-door hatchback, seats fold down in back, automatic, A/C, 38,000 km, recent base inspection, new brakes, steering boot and tire, needs JCI, \$950. 042-531-5306. (3)

**1991 Toyota** — Lite Ace van, front and rear heat, A/C, P/S, P/L, P/W, recent new tires, skylight sunroofs, AM/FM CD, \$3,500 negotiable. 227-2168. (3)

**1988 Ford** — Spectron, bronze, bench seats, automatic, A/C, great condition, JCI until March 2001, \$1,200 OBO. 227-8779. (3)

**1984 Toyota** — Lite Ace van, gray, automatic, good condition, JCI until Sept., \$1,400 OBO. 225-3437. (3)

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*“I’d have to go with the immoral Babe Ruth.”*

— Johnny Logan

Milwaukee Brewers shortstop when asked to pick the best baseball player of all time.



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Bowling STANDINGS

current as of April 5


Tomodachi Lanes

TEAM	Points Won	PointsLost
374 CES A	167	57
374 SVS	156	68
Leftover scrubs	151	73
630 AMSS	147	77
374 CS A	142	82
374 MXS	142	82
374 Trans A	138	86
USFJ	136	88
36 AS	122	102
374 OG	118	106
374 Trans B	117	107
DFAS	116	108
SFS	109	115
Global Comm	104	120
459 AS	100	124
374 OSS	94	130
374 CES B	87	137
AFOSI	80	144
374 MDG	80	144
AFN	77	147
374 CS Phone Dudes	74	150
374 CS Keg	69	155
374 CPTS	62	162
Band	58	166

ON THE BENCH

April 21 to May 7

Drown your pounds...



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Earn points and prizes through fitness with the Natatorium’s Drown Your Pounds program. In conjunction with May being fitness month, points can be earned for swimming 500 meters, 15 minutes of aqua jogging and water aerobics classes. Prizes can be earned for swimming laps as well as water aerobics and aqua jogging. For more information, call the Natatorium at 225-2280.

**Lifeguard certification**

The American Red Cross holds lifeguard certification from 4 to 9 p.m. April 28 and May 5 and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 29 and 30, May 6 and 7 at the Natatorium. For more information, call the Natatorium at 225-2280.

**Ice cream social**

The fitness center will hold an ice cream social from noon to 5 p.m. May 29 at the outdoor pool in celebration of the seasonal opening.

T-shirts will be given out to those who brave the chilly waters of the outdoor pool.

For more information, call the Natatorium at 225-2280.

**Baseball coaches**

The Youth Center is looking for baseball coaches for the upcoming youth season. Coaches are needed for all age groups.

Interested individuals should call the Youth Center at 225-7441 or 225-7422.

**Floor closure**

All racquetball courts and basketball courts in the Main Fitness Center will be closed until May 1 due to floor maintenance.

For more information, call the Main Fitness Center at 225-8881.

**Soccer boosters**

The Yokota Varsity Soccer Booster Club is looking for members.

For more information, call Tony Arroyave at 227-3557 or e-mail to antonio.arroyave@yokota.af.mil.

**Outdoor recreation**

The following trips are being offered:

Saturday – River rafting and hot springs trip to Tone River;

Wednesday – Mountain bike trip;

April 29 – Trout fishing.

For more information, call 225-4552.

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